

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet

1

of

1

Complete if Known

Application Number

Confirmation Number

Filing Date

First Named Inventor

Art Unit

Examiner Name _____

Attorney Docket Number

Unknown

September 3, 2004

Yoshitomo MASUDA

~~Not Yet Assigned~~ 2873

~~Not Yet Assigned~~

Q83413

[illegible][illegible][illegible]

Examiner Signature

/Evelyn Lester/

Date Considered

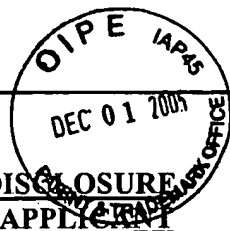
03/14/2007

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov, MPEP 901.04 or in the comment box of this document. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST. 3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to indicate here if English language Translation is attached.

Substitute for Form 1449 A & B/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(use as many sheets as necessary)

**Complete if Known**

Application Number	10/506,533
Confirmation Number	8947
Filing Date	September 3, 2004
First Named Inventor	Yoshitomo MASUDA
Art Unit	2871 2873
Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned E. LESTER
Attorney Docket Number	Q83413

Sheet 1 of 1

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)		
/EAL/		US 6,407,763	B1	6/18/02	Yoshiro YAMAGUCHI et al.
		US			
		US			
		US			
		US			
		US			
		US			
		US			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Translation ⁶
		Country Code ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵ (if known)			
/EAL/		JP	2001-290178	A	10/19/01		English Abstract
/EAL/		JP	2001-312225	A	11/9/01		English Abstract
/EAL/		EP	0 709 719	A1	5/1/96		Yes

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city, and/or country where published.	Translation ⁶
/EAL/		European Search Report (Nov. 10, 2005)	

Examiner Signature

/Evelyn Lester/

Date Considered

03/14/2007

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov, MPEP 901.04 or in the comment box of this document. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST. 3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to indicate here if English language Translation is attached.